

Friio adds final touch

Plymouth 2 Luton 1

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FRENCH midfielder David Friio headed an injury-time winner from skipper Paul Wotton's free kick to seal a deserved 2-1 victory for Plymouth.

Friio's goal came as the home side applied late pressure, and Wotton had already seen a 30-yard free kick tipped over for a corner by Luton goalkeeper Rob Beckwith.

From the flag kick Luton twice cleared its lines before Wotton's late free kick was met firmly by the head of Friio.

Plymouth had drawn level when top scorer Mickey Evans took his tally to four for the season by heading home a cross from the right by full back David Worrell.

Luton had taken the lead just before the hour mark through on-loan Coventry striker Gary McSheffrey.

McSheffrey glanced home a superb right wing cross from midfielder Kevin Foley.

That spurred on the home side, with manager Paul Sturrock opting for an attacking 4-3-3 formation following the introduction of three substitutes — strike duo Marino Keith and Blair Sturrock, along with Canadian international midfielder Jason Bent.

Plymouth boss Sturrock admitted his side were fortunate to take maximum points.

"That was probably the poorest we've played at home for a long time," he said.

"But credit to my boys, they kept going and we will always be dangerous from free kicks. That proved the case again."

Luton boss Mike Newell said: "There wasn't a lot I could say to my players after the game. They did everything I could ask of them.

"I suppose the only thing I could say was they didn't keep going until the end. They tended to sit back, but that's only natural when you go one goal up away from home and you're trying to hang on to the lead."